

POLICE STATION INCIDENT

An official version of the incident at Mongkok Police Station on Tuesday night states that, shortly after 9 p.m., two Chinese dressed in civilian clothes entered a goldsmith's shop in that area and, after being handed some gold wear, one of them drew a revolver and decamped.

The other man was not able to make good his escape and was hit with a hammer in the shop. The man, in a dazed condition, was taken to the police station.

On the way, a crowd gathered and started throwing stones at the Police.

A member of the Royal Air Force patrol was hit by stones and thereupon another member drew his revolver and fired four shots, one of which hit one of the crowd in the toe. Some of the crowd were also injured by stones.

No shots were fired by the civilian police.

At the station, the crowd got bigger, and the police, assisted by Commandos, had a busy time trying to disperse the mob. More stones were thrown but the crowd was finally dispersed.

The injured man who claimed he was a member of the Chinese Army was taken to hospital and detained, and yesterday was handed over to the Chinese Military Authorities.

A Chinese military spokesman last night said that the man is now being held by the Chinese Commandos, who are investigating the case.

EX-SERVICEMEN SWINDLED

London, May 29.

Scotland Yard experts have started counter-wide drives against suspected bogus company promoters, who are attempting to swindle ex-servicemen by offering directorships with salaried employment.

A check is to be made into the histories of all individuals registering new companies. Detectives recently raided the premises of suspected bogus promoters in North London.

The mass of documents taken to Scotland Yard revealed elaborate schemes to defraud ex-servicemen. There were hundreds of letters from ex-servicemen replying to advertisements offering directorships and salaried jobs in return for payment of several hundreds of pounds sterling.

A list of suspects is being compiled and a report of their activities is to be submitted to the Director of Public Prosecution.—Reuter.

Poland And Stalin

Warsaw, May 28.

The Polish delegation, headed by President Beirut, which has been holding conversations with Generalissimo Josef Stalin and other Soviet leaders, returned to Warsaw by air last night.

President Beirut, addressing cheering crowds, said the Moscow talks took place in a "cordial, friendly atmosphere seldom witnessed in international relations."

"During the talks a series of problems of great importance to the nation and reconstruction of the country were taken up," he added.—Reuter.

MORE FRUIT

London, May 29.

Britain's new Minister of Food, John Strachey, taking office today, promised more fruit for the English diet and pledged to tell both good and bad news frankly.

He said that 215,000 boxes of Australian and New Zealand apples were arriving here today.—Associated Press.

PREMIER'S NEW SECRETARY

London, May 28.

Mr. Clement Attlee's new Parliamentary Secretary will be Mr. A. Moyle, it was officially announced today.

He succeeds Mr. Geoffrey Freling, now Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Air.—Reuter.

NO UNITED FRONT More Rebuttals Of Speech By Soviet Foreign Minister

Chill Over Paris Conferences

(By HAROLD KING)

PARIS, MAY 29.

THE SPEECH BY THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER, M. MOLOTOV, CHARGING THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN WITH TRYING TO MAKE A UNITED FRONT AGAINST RUSSIA AT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE HAS THROWN A CHILL OVER THE SUBSIDIARY CONFERENCE NOW TAKING PLACE IN PARIS AMONG THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE FOUR POWERS.

"THE SOVIET MINISTER'S SPEECH WOULD APPEAR TO REMOVE ANY SHADOW OF DOUBT HERE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN THAT THE DEPUTIES COULD FIND AN AGREEMENT ON MAJOR ISSUES LEFT UNSOLVED BY THEIR CHIEFS," ONE DELEGATION OFFICIAL COMMENTED.

French official circles do not regard M. Molotov's speech as ruling out the possibility of agreement when the foreign ministers themselves meet again on June 17.

The French Foreign Minister, Georges Bidault, told a press representative today that the chances of the four ministers agreeing at their next meeting could not yet be estimated.

"New developments may occur between now and then," he added, "which will clarify the situation. However, the ministers' return to Paris, with a firm determination to arrive at an agreement on the problems left in suspense, will find a solution. The last word has not yet been said on Trieste and if the atmosphere is propitious at the next meeting, new propositions may be forthcoming and an agreement between the four powers is possible."

M. Bidault thought: "The affair of the Italian colonies is not insoluble either."

Views Closed

The May discussions had already brought the British and Soviet viewpoints closer together, he said, and if the United States were prepared to abandon their desire to fix a definite term for Italian trusteeship over Italy's former North African colonies the four ministers could re-examine the French proposal for the Italian colonies, with chances of success.

The French Foreign Minister said that France was not opposed to discussing peace with Austria separately from the German question.

"The division of Germany into two zones—eastern and western—recently proposed by the Anglo-American press, can in no case be considered a solution," stated M. Bidault, "but at best as an inevitable consequence of Europe being divided into two, after all efforts of an agreement between the victorious powers has failed."

M. Bidault said that he refused to envisage such failure.

LONDON DOCKS STRIKE

London, May 29.

An assurance that British food supplies are not in danger as a result of the strike, which stopped work on 20 ships at London docks, was given today by an official of the Port of London Authority.

"There is no threat to food supplies. Work is still going on aboard 44 ships," he said.

The strike involves between 3,000 and 4,000 stevedores, who have stopped working because employers have not restored the pre-war method of recruiting dock workers which allowed a dockworker to nominate his son for admission to the dockworkers register of workers.—Reuter.

"No Beer"

Middlesbrough, May 28.

Dockers, who staged a two-hour token strike because there was no beer for sale during their luncheon hour yesterday, were back at work today.

Officials of the Transport and General Workers' Union said the men, having made their protest, were satisfied.—Reuter.

Byrnes' Rebuttal

Washington, May 29.

The Secretary of State, James Byrnes, denied today the statement of V. M. Molotov, Russia's foreign commissar.

Byrnes reviewed Molotov's contentions point by point, and answered them with his own recollections of what occurred and with direct quotations from the record of the foreign ministers conference.

Byrnes denied the existence of an Anglo-American bloc which Molotov said was an offensive against Russia at Paris.

SELF-RULE FOR SCOTLAND?

Edinburgh, May 29.

The small Scottish National Party voted at their annual conference for a petition to the United Nations for self-government for Scotland. They will ask the Dominions and the United States for support of the petition.—Associated Press.

USED O.R.s. TO REPAIR HOUSE

London, May 29.

A letter from Field-Marshal Viscount Alexander, praising the service in both World Wars of Captain (Quartermaster) Arthur Ashton of the Irish Guards, was read at a London court-martial.

Captain Ashton has been under open arrest at the Tower of London. Charges included the theft of public property, using Army transport for private purposes and causing soldiers to do repairs to his house.

Of Captain Ashton, who pleaded guilty, Viscount Alexander wrote: "He was always extremely conscientious, honest and trustworthy and had the interests of the regiment and his job at heart."

Mr. R. P. Barry, defending, said: "These incidents were the one lapse which have caused Ashton deep humiliation. The trouble arose because he wanted to get his house in order. He had served in the Army for nearly 30 years."

The findings of the court will be announced later.—Reuter.

CHARTER OF INDIA'S FREEDOM

New York, May 29.

Devas Gandhi today called the new proposals of the British Government "the charter of India's freedom," which, he said, he believed in practice would work.

Speaking at a luncheon given by the India League of America, he said that "one of the greatest heroes of the war, Mr. Churchill, is one of the greatest leaders of India."

Gandhi added that he and Karamath Gonska, India news-paper proprietor were returning to India with the conviction that "America will be the greatest friend we have in the world. If necessary America is prepared to help us in a more material way."

Gonska said the war contributed greatly to the progress of India and he asserted that India will rank as one of the greatest nations in the world in five years.

The author, Miss Pearl Buck, declared, "My personal conviction is that as Russia rose new out of the last war, India will rise new after this one."

She said that in America was developing the keenest interest not only in political India but in India as a people.

"As she develops we will see an India known not only to Asia but to the West," Miss Buck declared.

The two Indians are planning to fly to London on June 1st.—Associated Press.

POLISH WAR DEBT TALKS

London, May 29.

Negotiations on the Polish war debt settlement between Treasury officials and the Chairman of the Polish National Bank are authoritatively expected to begin next Friday.

There have been various indications that the latest British proposals for a settlement are considered satisfactory by the Polish Government, and British official quarters in London are optimistic that the talks may be rapidly concluded.

If this be the case, £4,000,000 of Polish credits, which would remain if £3,000,000 is used for part payment of the Polish civilian debt, as proposed by Britain, would presumably be handed over at once to the Warsaw Government, together with £6,000,000 worth of military equipment.

If the British plan is accepted, re-payment of £10,000,000 of Polish civil debt would be started in five years' time.

The Moscow Radio recently attacked Britain for failing to repay Polish assets and has linked its criticisms with the Soviet decision to grant Poland long-term credits.

The fact is that the transference of Polish gold is only awaiting the completion of the debt settlement negotiations, which stand a chance of being concluded at the end of the week.—Reuter.

TIDAL WAVE IN PERSIAN GULF

Toheran, May 29.

Gathering floods from the Euphrates and Tigris combined with a predicted two-foot tidal wave in the Persian Gulf on June 2 are threatening the giant Anglo-Iranian oil refinery at Abadan.

Sections of Khuzestan, port city, are already under water.

Officials said yesterday that the Abadan producing area and the airfield were being protected by sandbags and dykes.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

Today's forecast:—Cloudy, with morning showers; moderate southerly winds.

Yesterday's weather:—Maximum:—80.3 deg. at 5 p.m. Minimum:—60 deg. at 1 a.m. Rainfall:—0.17 inches. Sunshine:—5 hours. Max. Rel. Humidity:—92% at midnight.

ARMY PAPER STAFF RESIGNS EN BLOC

Manila, May 29.

The entire staff of the "Daily Pacifican," the Western-Pacific Army newspaper, request a transfer to other duties, charging that they have been required by superiors to "twist, omit, bury and deceptively present news," so that the "Daily Pacifican" is no longer a "free and honest paper."

"Naked Open Fascism"

London, May 29.

President Truman's call for anti-strike legislation was denounced as "naked" open Fascism, by James G. Patton, President of the National Farmers Union of America in a statement issued in London yesterday.

The Farm Union leader, who is in the British capital as a delegate to the international conference on agriculture, said: "The fact that the Bill now before the U.S. Senate carries a provision for the confiscation of profits of seized plant not in any way mitigate the additional fact that the Bill, for the first time in American history, proposes to use guns to coerce free citizens to work."

"Sorrowfully, and with the deepest emotion, the National Farmers Union of America must denounce President Truman's messages and speech in the settlement of the railway strike, and the Bill he has proposed, as naked, open Fascism."

"This is a shameful hour in American history. None of us had ever thought to see the day when a President of the United States would recommend imprisonment of free American citizens under threat of violence, or would see members of the House of Representatives, a body of free men elected by free men, vote in gleed to force their fellow citizens to work under the bayonet."

Associated Press.

Madrid, May 29.

The Spanish Foreign Ministry said on May 28 that Spain had "perfect right" to investigate atomic energy and "cannot recognize the competence" of the United Nations in matters affecting Spain.—Associated Press.

Jerusalem, May 29.

The Arab Higher Committee, according to the Jews of violence and smuggling arms, has asked Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner in Palestine to abolish the Jewish Agency.—Associated Press.

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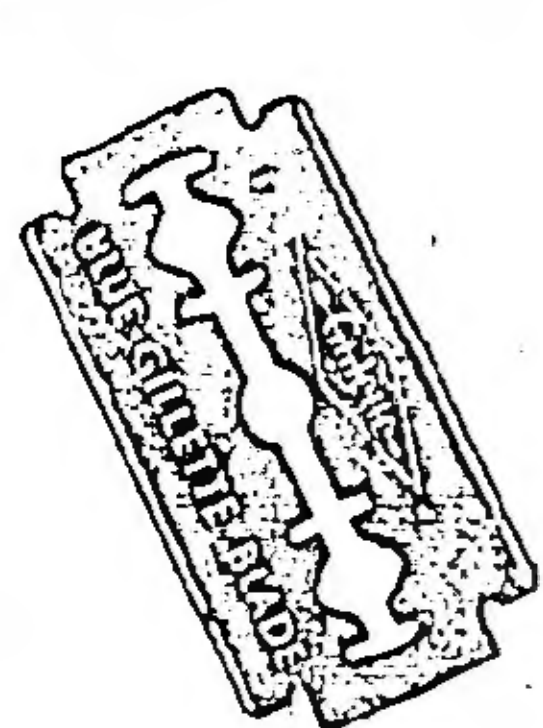
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FUTURE FORCES

A recruiting drive for the Services has become urgently necessary if, as the Prime Minister said in a special message issued the other day, we are to be able to fulfil our commitments both national and international. The aim is to secure the forces required by voluntary long-term enlistments; and, though a proper basis for success has been laid by the attractive conditions recently promulgated, it will be difficult to achieve. For the Army and Navy the present rate of enlistment must be multiplied by six, and for the R.A.F. by eight. These figures show that better pay and prospects have not yet evoked more than a trickle of recruits and re-enlistments, though there may well be an improvement later when the present shine has been worn off civilian life.

No risks can, however, be taken in such a matter; and presumably none will be taken. The voluntary enlistments now required are, of course, for the regular forces, and any deficiency will be, and is being, made up by conscription. The more volunteers come forward, the shorter conscription service under the National Service Act will need to be. In any case enough long-service men to form substantial cadres in Services which have become so highly technical will have to be found. Efficiency must always depend on the quality of commissioned and non-commissioned officers; and if there is any fault in the new conditions it that relatively less has been offered to the former than to other ranks. All must therefore wish the new effort success. It is, of course, regrettable but inevitable that the Services must compete with industry in these times of man-power scarcity for the cream of the nation. It is also rather paradoxical that a Socialist Government should find itself compelled to advocate the strongest armed forces which this country has ever had in peace-time. But no party issue is involved. On the contrary, all responsible people must endorse and support the Government in its heavy responsibilities.

BODYLINE OVERTONE

From Ralph Ingersoll's "Top Secret Ch. 1, Page 5:
"When Rockets became a somewhat more real menace the code-word was changed to Bodyline, which students of cricket will recognise as carrying an overtone of international unfairness. "Bodyline Bowling" (in American "beanball pitching") shook the British Empire when Australian stars first employed it to terrify English batters in international matches."

That, of course, was the series in which Douglas Bradman captained Australia and Don Jardine captained England.

U.S. LOAN TO FRANCE

Washington, May 28. The French and United States representatives in Washington today signed an agreement extending credits totalling \$1,270,000,000 to France.

The Export and Import Bank approved the credit of \$650,000,000 besides which the agreement established a credit of \$720,000,000 for the purchase of surplus United States property and for goods supplied to France since the end of the war.

A joint statement in the name of President Truman and Felix Gouin, President of the French Government, said: "Discussions are taking place for an additional credit whereby France will acquire approximately 750,000 tons of merchant shipping owned by the United States Government."

"The United States Government will continue to assist France in securing adequate supplies of coal from Germany," Reuter.

WHAT A LITTLE GENTLEMAN

By NATHANIEL
GUBBINS

"Sunday Express" Humourist

When I was a little boy I was taught to raise my cap to all women, "even charwomen," as if they were people apart and not strictly entitled to the courtesy.

It did me no harm to be polite, it gave the charwomen a laugh, and, as I was taught the trick by a woman, I looked upon it as part of the plot to impress the young male mind with the idea that there was something special and holy about women. But the plot failed. I never thought so then, and I certainly don't now.

I was also taught to precede women out of public and private vehicles, so that I should be ready to help the delicate creatures to the pavement or platform, to rise at their approach, to offer them my seat, to listen patiently to their conversation (it was always considered a hardship), to walk on the outside of the pavement, in case they fell under a horse-drawn cab, to escort them home at any time of the day or night, and to protect them from any possible danger, either real or imaginary.

Incidentally, I was also taught never to accept gifts from strangers (or anybody if I could avoid it with courtesy), to give all money I found to the police, and never to tell a lie. Tell the truth, shame the Devil, and be damned to everybody who was the watchword of our little home.

Two results of the above injunctions were to offend a big-hearted baker by refusing the free gift of a sugary bun when I could have eaten a dozen, and to cause intense amusement and delight at a police station when I arrived there to surrender a shilling I had found in the gutter.

Beer was twopence a pint then, and there were exactly six policemen.

I was disillusioned, too, regarding the rule about preceding women out of vehicles to assist their exit. On one occasion I tried to help a mountaineer of a woman out of a bus. Thanks to my officiousness she slipped, fell on top of me, and nearly crushed me flat. I was only ten.

But, apart from telling innumerable lies of convenience, I have kept strictly to all the other rules, especially the one about raising my cap (now hat) to charwomen.

And, thanks to the writer of a bright column in a newspaper, I know after all these years why I do it.

On this important subject she writes:—

"Remember the story of the snobby little boy who, when asked by his mother why he did not raise his cap to the housekeeper as he passed her in the drive, replied, 'But, mummy, she is not a lady.' To which his mother answered, 'But, dear, you do not raise your hat because she is a lady. You raise your hat because you are a gentleman.' I see now that them char-ladies was no ladies, but what a little gentleman I were."

Ten Blind Spots In Modern Science

Ten major "blind spots" in man's scientific knowledge were listed at the first post-war meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

They are:
Longer Life: Scientists are seeking to develop drugs and surgery which will retard old age and permit the rejuvenation of senile bodies and minds. Degenerative diseases, such as cancer, heart and circulatory breakdown, arthritis, and nephritis have yet to be conquered. Scientists believe that man should be able to live for 100 to 150 years with all his faculties.

Virus Conquests: Investigators have yet to discover the origin of infectious diseases, such as colds and infantile paralysis, which are caused by viruses.

Healthier Personalities: Medical research has yet to determine factors underlying mental illness, which take enormous tolls yearly. The relationship of physical, mental, and emotional aspects to insanity must be established.

Exploitation of the Elements: There are probably half a dozen new chemical elements yet to be discovered. Sources should be sought for elements important to mankind, but little used because they are scarce.

There is a possibility that additional particles yet unidentified may exist within the atomic nucleus.

Exploration of the Universe: A realistic study of the physical relationship of the sun, stars, and galaxies to the earth is needed. New research will probably be

made by stratosphere rockets and superpowerful telescopes.

The Secret of Plant Life: Experiments which will throw light on the elusive problem of what makes plants grow must be extended. The main source of energy known today is the sun, whose radiation is converted by photosynthesis to give life to plants—a process science does not understand, and cannot duplicate in a factory.

The Secret of Protozoa: It is known that the living cell is the seat of life. By breaking down the protozoa scientists may explain life and its origin. Nuclear chemistry of the living cell promises to be more revealing than nuclear chemistry of the elements.

Automation: Automatic devices must be applied to the factory, farm, office, and home to take over the burden of human drudgery.

Mobilisation of the World's Brainpower: Means must be discovered to organise and integrate the intelligence of different nationalities before a successful world organisation can be established. Science has the power to overcome the babel of languages and conflicting customs which have proved a barrier to global unity.

Psychological Warfare: In wartime, all the skill of propaganda and all the machinery of mass communications are devoted to mutual understanding among widely-separated Allies. This psychological warfare must be converted into peaceful psychological warfare.

"Card Fantasies," by Edward G. Love. (Exoma Press, 15s.)

The other day in a famous theatrical restaurant not 1,000 miles from Cambridge-circus I met George Robey, who produced out of his pocket three playing cards—the queen of clubs, the nine of hearts and the six of diamonds—all fanned together. He then turned the cards face downwards and asked me to choose one. I did, and it turned out to be a photograph of a beautiful lady.

No, reader, the story is not told to show that I lunch in fashionable restaurants and move on terms of intimacy with great comedians. The story has nothing to do with egotism. It is related in support of the view that brilliant and famous people exist who are fascinated by card manipulation—which happens to bore me stiff—and can spend a considerable part of a sentient being's life learning how to achieve the Giant Fan, Split Fan, etc.

That there are people who can read with passion: "The pack is then quickly squared, or riffled, down as in Waterfall Shuffle, and on re-fanning, it will be seen that the cards are alternately red and black throughout the pack."

And: "I must give another warning—do not, if it can possibly be avoided, switch the fanning pack for another of a different kind with which you are to perform card effects."

I promise Mr. Love I won't. And let me say that as a practical guide to the expert execution of Carl Fara, Cut and Shuffles I cannot imagine a better book. End of review.

"Many A Watchful Night," by John Mason Brown. (Hamish Hamilton, 12s. 6d.)

John Mason Brown is a famous dramatic critic whose acquaintance I made in New York. I know many fascinating stories about J. M. B., but shall refrain from telling them since they all relate to minor critical days, and would throw no light upon the book which he has written in his capacity as a famous and popular sailor. "Many A Watchful Night" begins on board the American battleship Augusta. It is the eve of D Day and the story opens:

We were watching the skies with an interest unknown to men reared in peaceful cities, where weather is a week-end worry. We were watching the grey skies, and the grey, choppy, rain-speckled waves around us.

And then the narrator interrupts himself:

No. This is wrong. This past tense is a lie. Battles are not faced or fought in the past tense. Men going into battle add it only one tense—the present. A suspenseful present it

cause she is a lady. You raise your hat because you are a gentleman. I see now that them char-ladies was no ladies, but what a little gentleman I were."

is cut off, except in sudden flashes of memory, from what has been and with the future quiveringly unrevealed. So, for truth's sake, let's start out all over again. We are glancing intently at these choppy waves....

At church the day before each man had been handed a leaflet containing the reassuring words of the eighth verse of the 121st Psalm. "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

On the same leaflet a short quotation from the Atlantic Charter, as to which J. M. B. has the note. "We, you see, felt we owned the Atlantic Charter just a little more than most mortals could claim to do, inasmuch as it was on the Augusta that the charter had been written." And then J.M.B.'s sense of humour puts in an appearance. He realises the hilarious inappropriateness of the final movie flashed on to the screen in the Junior Officers' Wardroom. Alfred Hitchcock's "Lifeboat."

Brown's duty was to tell the ship's company, and especially the men below decks, what was going on. "Because you are sailing into history is no reason for your sailing into the dark." And then follow the words: "We are headed for France, as you have guessed. To be specific, we are headed for the beaches in the Bay of the Seine, immediately to the east of the Cherbourg peninsula." The rest of the book describes what happened after.

There is an interlude in which Brown describes a visit to Avon St. Lawrence. About Mr. Shaw:

Close up, his skin looked much as if the pink and blue periods of Picasso had been intricately transferred to alabaster. His eyes were at moments frosted by age.

They could, however, clear cloudlessly into the most animated nursery blue.

And then some of Mr. Shaw's table-talk: "Only the navy has no way of distinguishing between the sane and the insane. I know this because a friend of mine once took a ship across the Bay of Biscay. Even his crew knew he was mad when he crossed and recrossed the Bay five times without ever putting in...." Then a lot about Mrs. Patrick Campbell, Stanley the explorer, and Shaw himself:

"The historic Shaw, the man of my middle years, the Shaw the world will remember." Finally: "My actuarial expectancy is three days. As a matter of fact, I may die while you are sitting here. Death has no terrors for me."

And then the story takes up its wartime course again. This is a manly, honest, forthright and immensely well-written book.

"Death and the Dear Girls," by Jonathan Stagge.

(Michael Joseph, 8s. 6d.)

There is a good deal of wit in this book. I like the school-girl who "picked up the violin of a school friend and discovered that she had a natural instinct for doing the right things with the right parts of the instrument." And I also like the American lady who spent several minutes telling Mr. Churchill how to win the war.

"Later, Mr. Churchill told me a trifle wistfully that if we could have dropped my wife by parachute behind the German lines in 1940 we would never have lost the Low Countries."

Yes, I like this thriller, and agree with the blurb: "Murder in the Hilton household was unthinkable, even preposterous."

"The Life of Jonathan Martin," by Thomas Balaton. (Macmillan, 10s. 6d.)

Jonathan Martin began life as a press-ganged sailor who fought at Copenhagen and frequently attempted to desert. He got religious mania, threatened to shoot the Bishop of Oxford escaped from an asylum, and finally set fire to York Minister, completely destroying the fourteenth-century woodwork, the roof of the choir, the sixty-six stalls, and the archbishop's throne, which, next to the superb windows, were the chief glory of the cathedral.

The author is of the opinion that the hero of his book was "a man of charm and sensibility." But suppose a man of this kind were to get it into his head that a lot of fun could be had with Henry the Seventh's chapel or the roof of Westminster Hall? Should we praise his charm and sensibility?

RED FLAG IN PARLIAMENT

House Passes Steel Industry Nationalisation

Surprise Arrests In Madrid

Madrid, May 28: Thirty-eight Spanish Republicans and seven Socialists have been arrested during the past few days, it was learned today. Their arrests have caused surprise in Madrid. Most of the Republicans belong to sections opposed to the Spanish Republic. The arrested men were transferred from police headquarters to Madrid provincial prison today.

Meanwhile, Spain has sent a note to Allied diplomats here in Madrid indicating that she would receive with indifference any decision by the U.N.O. sub-committee considering the Franco regime.

This was stated today by the spokesman of the Spanish Foreign Office. Reuter.

BORMANN SURPRISE

Nuremberg, May 29: The mystery of Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy and the missing man of the 21 leading Nazis accused of war crimes, took a surprise turn today when his counsel announced that the woman who was with him to the very end could give evidence. Bormann is being tried in his absence, though it is widely believed by the Allied authorities that he died in a last-minute bid to break out of the Red Army ring, round the Berlin Chancellery when a shell struck the tank near which he was crouching.

Bormann's counsel said today that Frau Else Kruger of Hamburg "can testify that in all probability Bormann fell on May 1, 1945, or that if he did not die from his wounds he must have fallen into the hands of the Soviet occupation authorities."—Reuter.

CHURCHILL CONDEMNS

London, May 29: Mr. Winston Churchill, in a message wishing success to Lieutenant C. H. Mullan, official Unionist candidate in County Down (North Ireland) by-election, said: "A year ago, our world-wide empire of self-governing nations stood at the pinnacle of its fame and prestige among the peoples of the world. In the months that have elapsed since the reins of government passed into the hands of the Socialist Party, our position and our influence upon world affairs have grievously declined."

"This government of timid yet dangerous zealots, not content with making wild experiments with the future of British industry, has now begun to liquidate our interests and our prestige all over the world. Only by watchful, persistent and undiminished opposition can the worst excesses of this minority socialist government be checked or abated. Ulster has never failed to keep the flag flying."—Reuter.

EQUIPPING FRENCH ARMY

London, May 28: Mr. Hector McNeill, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in reply to a question in the House of Commons today that the British Government had supplied considerable equipment for the rearmament of the French metropolitan forces. Negotiations were now in progress with the French Government with a view to the sale on favourable terms of further quantities of equipment.

The British Government had also equipped, on repayment, one full French division and a number of formations for the Far East.—Reuter.

LINER'S CREW AT PALACE

London, May 28: The crew of the Danish liner, "Frederick of Denmark," lunched today at Buckingham Palace.

It was an informal party, and the Queen and the two Princesses were also present.—Reuter.

Mr. Morrison Issues Warning

LONDON, MAY 29. BY 338 VOTES TO 184 THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST NIGHT PASSED A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO TRANSFER AN "APPROPRIATE SECTION" OF THE BRITISH IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY TO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

WINDING UP THE DEBATE, MR. HERBERT MORRISON, LORD PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, SAID: "WE SHALL GO ON WITH THE SCHEME WHETHER THERE IS OPPOSITION OR NOT, BUT BOTH THE INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE A BETTER JOB OF IT IF THERE IS A GOOD SENSE OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION ON BOTH SIDES."

The Government, Mr. Morrison said, believed it would be easier and more decisive to get the physical changes necessary in the industry under public ownership than the cartel, plus state control.

Replying to a question by Mr. R. A. Hudson (Conservative) as to whether the socialised undertaking would have any relationships with the cartel organisations overseas, Mr. Morrison declared that this would be a public concern and it would be its duty to do what was right in the public interest. The same answer was made to the question whether exports were to be subsidised.

Earlier in the debate Mr. Hudson had said that if the British Iron and Steel Federation's plan for reorganisation of the industry was accepted by the Government, it would have had authority over the location of the industry, priorities, distribution and prices, as well as exports. What more possible control could anyone want, he added.

The result of today's vote was greeted with Government cheers and Labour Members sang the "Red Flag."

Best Example

Commander A. Duncan, (Conservative) and member of the Iron and Steel Federation, declared that if the Government would consult the industry they would satisfy themselves beyond any doubt that a system of control could be established to safeguard every public interest that wanted to be safeguarded. He said that the iron and steel industry was one of the best examples of public spirit in the industry. There had been no labour conflicts for over 40 years.

No major challenge had been made to the plans of the Iron and Steel Industry. The industry did not need money from the Government. Its own plans could be carried out 100 per cent by firms who subscribed to it and the suggestion, therefore, that there was no unity in the Federation did not apply.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated that the open market rate of interest would be given to all public borrowing of the nationalised section of the steel industry and something only fractionally above that to any approved schemes in the private sector.

Mr. Dalton said that a large number of tin-plate mills in South Wales were a disgrace to their owners, and the Government would not buy this "old junk" for the State.—Reuter.

ANOTHER DEADLOCK

Berlin, May 29: The Allied control authority's coordinating committee was yesterday deadlocked on an American proposal to send a four-power commission into each of the four occupation zones to investigate the process of German disarmament.

It was not disclosed which power had blocked the investigation proposed by the American member, Lieut. Gen. Lucius D. Clay.

A spokesman said the committee would issue a communiqué after its next meeting and then revert the stand taken by each power.—Associated Press.

MUSSOLINI'S BODY FLOWN OUT?

Rome, May 29: A dispatch to the Rome newspaper "Espresso" suggested today that a large air transport plane stolen from the Forlani airport near Milan on May 27, might have carried away Benito Mussolini's body, possibly to Spain.

Five men in flying suits, arriving 30 minutes before the regular crew, calmly warmed up the three-engine craft and took off.

Mussolini's body was stolen from an unmarked grave in a Milan pottery's field on April 22 and has not since been traced.—Associated Press.

Secret Arab Conclave

London, May 28: The Rulers and Presidents of seven Arab States met in a secret conclave at the country estate of King Farouk of Egypt, 30 miles to the east of Cairo.

They talked for 2-1/2 hours. A personality in close touch with the Palace today said that the atmosphere has been friendly and cordial. Nothing was disclosed about the actual political discussions which took place.

Meanwhile, the British military authorities, it is believed, have issued instructions for the evacuation of Egyptian towns by July, according to a despatch from Cairo tonight.

Certain units of the Royal Navy at Alexandria are on the point of leaving for Malta and Cyprus.—Reuter.

Silence On The Morrison Case

WASHINGTON, MAY 29. PENDING THE EXPECTED STATEMENT ON THE QUESTION OF FOOD FOR INDIA AND GERMANY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TOMORROW FROM THE LORD PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, MR. HERBERT MORRISON, THE BRITISH EMBASSY AND STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE MAINTAINED OFFICIAL AND APPARENTLY AGREED SILENCE ON THE "MORRISON CASE" IN WASHINGTON TODAY.

IT WAS CONFIRMED AUTHORITATIVELY, HOWEVER, THAT A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY "CLARIFICATION" ON THE REMARKS OF MICHAEL MACDERMOTT, WHITE HOUSE SECRETARY, AND THE AMERICAN POSITION OF FEEDING THE BRITISH ZONE IN GERMANY AND INDIA, WAS REACHED IN CONVERSATIONS YESTERDAY BETWEEN THE BRITISH MINISTER IN WASHINGTON, MR. ROGER MAKINS, AND THE UNITED STATES ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. WILLIAM CLAYTON.

It was also learned that the State Department has privately conceded that the statement by MacDermott, who is a special public relations assistant to the Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, was based on an incomplete and possibly garbled version of Mr. Morrison's remarks. There was no intention, however, of formally withdrawing MacDermott's assertion that the United States Government has assumed no specific commitments on the feeding of the two vital areas concerned, it was further learned.

That the United States has made no definite commitments is partially confirmed by the statement from the British food mission that the wheat allocations for June have not yet been fixed by the Combined Food Board.

In the case of the British zone, it is learned that a request will be made for sufficient supplies to maintain a 1,000 calory daily level as well as to replenish the area's stocks which are dangerously low.

June Availabilities

In the case of India, the June allocation is not expected to reach the 500,000 tons asked for but it will be more than 264,000 tons, which was India's original May allocation.

Not all surplus countries have reported their June "availabilities" yet but definitely word is expected by the end of the week.

The June allocations will be made by the old Combined Food Board and not by the new twenty nation International Emergency Food Council, just created by the Food and Agriculture Organization.

Much of the June allocations, it is considered, will have to come out of American supplies.

Transport

Officials of the Department of Agriculture said that they were preparing a report showing that they have succeeded in buying more than 80,000,000 bushels of wheat under the recent buying programme. They claimed that this amount, coupled with 30,000,000 bushels of maize similarly procured, will enable the United States to meet its 225,000,000 bushel export goal by the end of the first half year.

MacArthur Asks For Advice

Tokyo, May 29: The four-power Allied Council for Japan will be asked officially tomorrow for the first time by General MacArthur for comment on occupation problems.

Heretofore all the Allied delegates have been interrogators, querying SCAP's representative on various phases of the occupation.

Tomorrow, council members will be asked for their views on the disposition of Japanese government property, rural land reform and resumption of relations between Japanese labour organisations and these in other countries.

MacArthur's request for comment is occasioning much speculation which seems to boil down to the question: Is SCAP prepared to assign a greater share of importance to the Council as he proceeds with direction of the occupation?

Under the terms of the Moscow communiqué establishing the allied council, SCAP will consult with the group before issuing orders on "matters of substance" if the situation permits. Tomorrow's agenda entries could well be classified "matters of substance," land reform and labour being two of the most debated topics in Japan.—Associated Press.

REFUGEES TO POLICE GERMANY

Shanghai, May 29: Sixteen lucky Jewish refugees, picked from thousands of applicants in China, are eagerly awaiting the plane which will take them back to Germany to serve on Allied police forces in the occupation zones.

Notices in local papers that Allied Headquarters were seeking Jewish recruits from Shanghai for police jobs, brought a flood of applications from all over China.

The American Consulate-General had the task of sifting the grain from the chaff. Due to refugee anxiety and uncertainty over future Chinese policy towards them (the Foreign Office has stated that it will repatriate all but a few German and Austrian Jews), thousands, qualified and unqualified, sought positions.

They calculate that since they may be repatriated anyhow, they may as well go to good jobs. The attractive salaries (up to \$30 a month), double rations, and other favourable conditions of service, were an added inducement.

Required qualifications were previous experience in police work and a sound political background. Many Jews joined the former international police force of Shanghai on arriving here from Europe before the war, and thus obtained wide experience of cosmopolitan police problems.—Reuter.

TWO WORLD ECONOMIC BLOCS?

Washington, May 29: Mr. McChesney Martin, President of the Government Export and Import Bank, declared today that it is entirely up to Russia whether two world economic blocs develop in contending for trade.

Martin told the House of Representatives Banking Committee now holding hearings on the proposed British loan, "I do not subscribe to the idea of two world economic blocs. There will be no attempt to exclude Russia from world trade. It is entirely up to her."

Mr. Fred Vinson, Secretary of the Treasury, had previously told the Committee that he thought the loan would mean, for a while, two world blocs, of England and America on the one hand, and Russia on the other.

On the loan itself, Mr. Martin said: "It would be a very serious setback to world peace if this loan is not made." He expressed the opinion that the loan would tend to retard socialisation of industry in Britain.—Associated Press.

BABY DEATHS ENQUIRY

New York, May 29: An Army Board of Enquiry has absolved the medical staff of the brideship "Sebulon B. Vance" of "negligence or misconduct" in connection with the deaths of eight GI babies who succumbed soon after the ship's arrival here on May 19 from Le Havre.

The number of infant deaths rose during the week 10 as the port of embarkation announced the receipt of a radiogram from the transport "John Ericson" (due to arrive here on May 30 from Southampton) advising that a baby died on board ship, apparently from suffocation. The vessel also reported three other infants seriously ill.—Associated Press.

U.S. OFFER TO DENMARK

Washington, May 29: The United States has offered to train Danish personnel in the operation of radar and weather stations in Greenland and the Faroe Islands in order to be sure of their continuance after American forces withdraw, it is disclosed.

In the meantime, American officials are seeking Danish permission to maintain the stations temporarily in an effort to prevent their deterioration until sufficient crews have been trained, in order to continue the operations considered essential for Transatlantic air services.—Associated Press.

BENES' BIRTHDAY

Prague, May 28: Sixteen thousand students gathered in the courtyard of the Prague Castle this afternoon to cheer President Benes, who celebrated his 62nd birthday today.—Reuter.

TELEGRAM CHARGES, REDUCED RATES JUNE 1st.

Cable & Wireless, Ltd., has pleasure in announcing the following reduced telegram charges which will take effect on Saturday, June 1st.

To United States of America, Alaska, Puerto Rico, St. Croix, St. Thomas, Hawaiian Islands, Guam and Midway, the new rates are:

Ordinary	HK\$1.20
Code	-.80
Deferred	-.60
Press	-.27
NLT, minimum of 25 words, (per telegram)	\$10.-
Each extra word	-.40

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of China Entertainment and Land Investment Company, Limited will be held at the registered office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 6th Floor, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on Wednesday the Twelfth day of June 1946 at 12 o'clock noon when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution.

That Article 71 of the Articles of Association be altered by substituting the figures "\$1,200.00 to \$2,400.00" for the figures "\$600.00 to \$1,200.00".

Dated the 18th day of May 1946.

George Y. K. Sun, Secretary.

STANDARD-VACUUM OIL COMPANY

is pleased to announce again, for the convenience of the public, its offices are now located in the Hong Kong Bank Building:—

2nd floor: Hong Kong District Office, South China Territory Accounting Office.

6th floor: South China Territory Office, Offices of Manager, Operations & Marketing Departments.

Telephone Nos. 30203, 30204 & 30205.

SERVICE AUCTION ROOMS

Auctioneers, Surveyors, etc. Restaurant, French Bank Bldg., A.E.B. de Sousa, Auctioneer. Telephone 31867.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned has received instructions from the Custodian of Property to sell by Public Auction

on THURSDAY, the 30th May, 1946, commencing at 10.30 a.m., at the premises of

THE KIN LEE GODOWN, THE PRAYA, KENNEDY TOWN,

35 LOTS OF MISCELLANEOUS GOODS, comprising:—

Paper, Zinc Oxide, Oil, Diesel Oil, Lubricating Oil, Aluminium Water Bottles, Candles, Paint, Matches, Fertilizer, Etc., Etc.

The above Premises will be open to inspection on 28th and 29th May, 1946, between 10.00 a.m. and Noon, and between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

The Auction is subject to the conditions of Sale published in the 9th March, 1946, issue of the Gazette.

A. E. B. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer.

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LAMBERT BROS. Auctioneers, Surveyors, and Appraisers, Pedder Building, Telephone No. 20224.

DEFENCE: "PERSECUTION, NOT PROSECUTION"

A PROBATIONARY SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE, WONG WING-TIM (ALIAS THOMAS TIM WONG) FORMER AGENT OF THE BRITISH ARMY AID GROUP, WHO HAD GIVEN EVIDENCE AT THE TRIAL OF LAI KIT FOR HIGH TREASON IN THE SUPREME COURT THE DAY BEFORE, WAS RE-ARRESTED AT KOWLOON COURT YESTERDAY A FEW MINUTES AFTER BEING DISCHARGED BY THE MAGISTRATE ON A CHARGE OF MISCONDUCT AS A POLICE OFFICER.

He APPEARED AGAIN BEFORE MR. W. H. LATIMER A FEW MINUTES LATER WHEN MR. M. A. DA SILVA, WHO HAD DEFENDED HIM IN THE CASE JUST CONCLUDED AND WHICH HAD OCCUPIED THE WHOLE OF THE DAY'S SITTING, ASKED FOR BAIL IN A NOMINAL SUM, SUBMITTING THAT THE FACTS OF THE CASE HAD BEEN KNOWN TO THE CROWN FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. MR. DA SILVA ASKED WHY THE CROWN, HAVING FAILED IN TWO CASES AGAINST THOMAS WONG, HAD BROUGHT HIM UP ON A THIRD CHARGE. MR. DA SILVA SUBMITTED THAT THE CROWN WAS PERSECUTING RATHER THAN PROSECUTING WONG.

In dismissing Wong on the charge of misconduct in that he had, with others, subjected an investigation to an officer of the Special Branch, Mr. Latimer remarked that the Crown could not appreciate how a man who was not a police officer, could be charged with conduct unbecoming to a police officer.

Mr. Latimer said also that there was no doubt in his mind that the person who had been a good one, and if further evidence was needed to support this, he would call it.

Mr. Latimer said that for the Crown, submitted that the new charge was a "damoclean sword" hanging over his head for many months. This is persecution, Sir, not prosecution. He was on bail of \$500. Confronted by two apparently insurmountable obstacles to his liberty, both of which have now been successfully overcome, he has been made to attempt to escape from the Colony.

Bail is not a punitive matter, but is meant only to secure attendance in this Court. The Crown can only suggest that it is not satisfied. I beg of you in the name of British justice not to fix bail in a prohibitive sum because that would be tantamount to your joining in with the Crown in its persecution of Thomas Wong.

Reverting, Mr. Smith said: "There is no question of persecution. It is the duty of the Crown or of the police to bring before the Court persons committing time offences. An investigating officer would be failing in his duty if, having evidence to hand, he would fail to bring a charge. The Crown is accustomed to being attacked for doing its duty."

Mr. Smith then asked for bail of more than \$500. Mr. Latimer pointed out that the maximum penalty on the charge should be a fine of \$500 or six months imprisonment at the Sessions would be five years.

Mr. Smith said the case on the new charge to be preferred would be for committal.

Mr. Latimer said that he would allow bail at \$250, no more and no less.

In discharging defendant, Mr. Latimer said:

"The charge as drawn cannot stand because accused did not represent himself as an officer of the Special Branch and because there is no evidence that he did conduct an investigation with others—contrary to his duties as a Probationary Police Officer."

"From a purely technical point of view the Court cannot appreciate how a man who is not a police officer can be charged with conduct unbecoming to a police officer, whether probationary or not."

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WEDDING
Da Motta-Zimmerman

Miss Catherine Margaret Zimmerman became the bride of Mr. Victor Jose da Motta at a pretty ceremony at Rosary Church, Kowloon, yesterday. Father H. de Angelis officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Capt. W. Zimmerman, is the daughter of Mrs. Aida Zimmerman and the late Mr. Edward Spencer Zimmerman, while the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. da Motta. His best man was Mr. R. A. E. Watson.

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Criminal Intimidation Ordinance. Remarking on what he termed the unusual course adopted by the Crown, Mr. da Silva addressed the Magistrate, saying: "I feel very strongly and I can assure the Crown and the public that this is not a matter that concerns only this Court or this Colony, but that it goes to the very roots of the administration of British justice."

"Never in pre-war days did the Crown or the police conduct cases in this manner. The procedure adopted amounts not to prosecution, but to persecution. The facts of this case have been known to the Crown for many months before the present charge was brought. Why was not the charge brought then? Why should it be brought now when this case has been in the Crown's hands for so long?"

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B.A.T. EMPLOYEE SOUND OVER

Fung Cho Leung, an employee of the British American Tobacco Co., was bound over by Mr. George She yesterday when charged with larceny of 12 ozs. of leaf tobacco from the B.A.T. Godown, Gloucester Road, on May 28.

H.K. LABOUR SITUATION

Draft rules and constitution of a joint labour union committee were considered at a meeting of representatives of ten labour unions held at the Chinese Engineers Institute on Tuesday evening.

No definite decision was arrived at, as the representatives had to report back to their respective unions, but an agreement in principle was reached.

Yesterday morning representatives of the ten labour unions called on the Labour Officer and explained to him the objects of the proposed new organisation.

Their views on the present strike at the Hong Kong Electric Company's power plant were also given, and they urged the Labour Officer to do his utmost to bring about an early settlement.

There was no meeting between representatives of the strikers and the Hong Kong Electric Co. yesterday, but it is understood they are to meet today to re-open negotiations for a settlement of the dispute.

The case in which Li Chi-man and Li Kwai-shing are charged with attempting to export 10,000 lbs. of flour, has been fixed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan for hearing at 2.30 p.m. on June 10.

For larceny of pigs' trotters from the Dairy Farm, Lee and Fong, 154 Island Road, were charged with attempting to export 10,000 lbs. of flour, has been fixed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan for hearing at 2.30 p.m. on June 10.

REVOLVER LUCKILY MISFIRED TWICE

THE STORY OF A REVOLVER WHICH LUCKILY FAILED TO GO OFF WAS TOLD BEFORE MR. GEORGE SHE AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, WHEN LAI MING, CHAN CHI, LEUNG LAM AND CHAN MING WERE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL AT THE NEXT CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The charges against accused are: 1st. and 2nd. accused: Shooting with intent to evade arrest and possession of arms without a permit.

3rd. accused: Possession of arms without a permit. 4th accused: Aiding and abetting the possession of arms without a permit.

Inspector Saul prosecuted on behalf of the Crown. Li Ming, Chinese Police Constable No. 171, testified that while on duty in Connaught Road West near the Sai Kung Wharf on May 4, he received information which led him to shadow first and second accused.

"I followed them till they reached Queen Street, where they separated, walking on opposite sides of the road. I stopped second accused and searched him. I told him I was a policeman and that I suspected he had arms."

"Accused immediately produced a Mauser from underneath his jacket and pointed it at me. I waved off the pistol with my left hand and with my right hand prevented accused from using it. Accused held the pistol with his right hand."

From Behind
"While I was struggling with second accused, first accused came from behind, holding a revolver with me. I distinctly heard the revolver click twice. First accused was about a foot away from me."

"It was not dark at the time. I had a good view of first accused. I gave him a kick which sent him back more than three yards, but he did not fall. I was still struggling with second accused. First accused then ran away."

"I overpowered second accused and took the pistol away from him. I then took him to No. 7 Police Station and the revolver was handed over to Inspector Saul. He examined it in my presence. It contained 9 rounds of ammunition."

S. I. Lam gave evidence relative to the arrest of first, third and fourth accused.

Accused, reserving their defence, were committed to the next sessions.

Uncle Tried To Take His Place In Prison

Before Mr. C. Y. Kwan yesterday, Wong Fuk was charged with attempting to escape from prison. Huen Hing was charged at the same time with aiding and abetting the attempt.

Wong Fuk, who was recently sentenced to six months' imprisonment for unlawful possession of 10 dance tickets belonging to Sum Ling-ling, China Emporium Ballroom dance hostess, attempted to evade the sentence by arranging with his uncle, Huen Hing, who had been sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment, to take his place.

While on the way to prison, they arranged to assume each other's name, and the plan would have succeeded but for the fact that when a check-up of fingerprints was made, it was found that there was some mistake. Wong Fuk explained to Mr. Kwan that he had a large family to support and that Huen Hing had agreed to undergo his (Wong Fuk's) sentence in order that he might be released from prison earlier and thus be in a position to support his family. Huen Hing corroborated Wong Fuk's story.

Both pleaded for leniency. Mr. Kwan pointed out that this attempt to defeat the end of justice did not merit any sympathy. As Wong Fuk was the prime mover he would be sentenced to six months' imprisonment, and Huen Hing to three months' imprisonment, both sentences to commence from the date of completion of the sentences already imposed.

PIGS SOLD

Wong Hoi, charged with keeping swine on the balcony of No. 154 Island Road without a licence from the Urban Council, was fined \$50 by Mr. George She yesterday.

The pigs were ordered to be confiscated and sold—the proceeds of sale to go to the Poor Box.

Li Kin-hing, charged with unlawful possession of one .22 Cal. automatic on the hillside near "H" Block, 28 Indian General Hospital, on May 28, was yesterday sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. George She.

For larceny of pigs' trotters from the Dairy Farm, Lee and Fong, 154 Island Road, were charged with attempting to export 10,000 lbs. of flour, has been fixed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan for hearing at 2.30 p.m. on June 10.

Better Transmitters For Station ZBW

THE COLONY'S ORIGINAL BROADCASTING TRANSMITTERS WERE DESTROYED BY THE JAPANESE BUT IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE REOCCUPATION EUROPEAN AND CHINESE PROGRAMMES WERE KEPT GOING ON SMALL TRANSMITTERS OF LOW POWER AND INFERIOR QUALITY.

IN ANTICIPATION OF THIS, NEW TRANSMITTERS HAD BEEN ORDERED IN ENGLAND. THEY HAVE NOW BEEN INSTALLED BY THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, AND, HAVING PASSED THROUGH THEIR TESTS, ARE BEING PUT INTO REGULAR SERVICE FOR THE COLONY'S PROGRAMMES AS FROM THIS EVENING.

WARNING TO MOTORISTS

Since the reoccupation many of the Traffic Regulations restricting the use of motor vehicles have been in abeyance, mainly because of shortage of Police personnel to enforce them.

The number of vehicles on the road has been comparatively small and non-compliance with the Regulations has not done much harm or caused much inconvenience and obstruction.

The time has come however for the Police to enforce some of these regulations.

Many roads are closed to motor traffic e.g. Kennedy Road east of the Mazines, Wynham Street, from the Dairy Farm to Queen's Road, Battery Path and Old Bailey, Lee House Street between Des Voeux Road and Queen's Road is closed to traffic between 8.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Parking is prohibited in parts of certain roads and serious obstruction is caused by cars parked in places such as Des Voeux Road between Lee House Street and Pedder Street. Parking in this area is permitted in centre of Pedder Street, Chater Road, Connaught Road, Chater Road, between Des Voeux and Queen's Roads, Chater Road between Lee House and Pedder Streets and Connaught Road between Pedder and Pottinger Streets is limited to two hour periods during the day and to owner driven cars not exceeding 15 ft. in length.

Meetings are held every Thursday at St. Mary's School at 4.15 p.m. and all interested and wishing to attend, are requested to go in touch with Miss M. Figueiredo (Tel. 3363) during office hours.

For carrying 52 excess passengers, Li Chik-hing, junk-master, was fined \$200 by Comdr. A.S.D. Ryder in the Marine Court yesterday. Li's junk was boarded by S.I. Blackhurst off West Point on Tuesday when bound for Macao. The passengers were charged \$8 each. S.I. Rawlins prosecuted.

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GIRL GUIDES ACTIVITY

The Fifth Kowloon Company (St. Mary's School) has restarted under the captaincy of Miss Marie Figueiredo and during the last few months all its meetings have been very well attended.

The company, formed 14 years ago, celebrated its birthday on May 23 with a special function. It recommenced recently with only 12 girls but there are now over 50 on the books and of these only 10 were enrolled before the war.

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WARNING TO MOTORISTS

Since the reoccupation many of the Traffic Regulations restricting the use of motor vehicles have been in abeyance, mainly because of shortage of Police personnel to enforce them.

The number of vehicles on the road has been comparatively small and non-compliance with the Regulations has not done much harm or caused much inconvenience and obstruction.

The time has come however for the Police to enforce some of these regulations.

Many roads are closed to motor traffic e.g. Kennedy Road east of the Mazines, Wynham Street, from the Dairy Farm to Queen's Road, Battery Path and Old Bailey, Lee House Street between Des Voeux Road and Queen's Road is closed to traffic between 8.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Parking is prohibited in parts of certain roads and serious obstruction is caused by cars parked in places such as Des Voeux Road between Lee House Street and Pedder Street. Parking in this area is permitted in centre of Pedder Street, Chater Road, Connaught Road, Chater Road, between Des Voeux and Queen's Roads, Chater Road between Lee House and Pedder Streets and Connaught Road between Pedder and Pottinger Streets is limited to two hour periods during the day and to owner driven cars not exceeding 15 ft. in length.

Meetings are held every Thursday at St. Mary's School at 4.15 p.m. and all interested and wishing to attend, are requested to go in touch with Miss M. Figueiredo (Tel. 3363) during office hours.

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Funeral

Ho Sing-chau

The funeral of the late Mr. Ho Sing-chau alias Ho U Ming, J.P., who died on May 27, took place yesterday at the Chinese Christian Cemetery Pokfulam attended by over 300 relatives and friends.

The principal mourners were Mrs. Ho Sing-chau (widow), Ho Shun-hing, Ho Yung-hing and Ho Yung-ning (sons), 14 grand children and his godson, Mr. James Zee-min Lee.

Wreaths were sent by the following:—Sir Shouson Chow, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. Tang Fung, Wong Pak-yuen, G. Forster, Kam Lee, A. Garcia, Hinshing Lo, Van Lu Shing, Leong Sui-wing, Wong Chong-ang, Yip Kam-wah, Yee Kit-ting, Yee Chiu-ling, Lau Kee, Wong Pak-wai, Wu Si-yuen, Cheng Shik-soo, Tui Wai-kung, Ng Hum-chuen, Wong Chuk-nam, Yip Bul-cho, Cheung Wing-kue, Mr. F. Houghton and family, Dr. Kwan Sum-man, Dr. Chan Kank-wang, Mr. and Mrs. Cheung Lam-shou, Mr. and Mrs. Y. K. Chow, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cheung and others.

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TENSE SITUATION IN JAVA

Batavia, May 29. A tense situation exists in Soerakarta, central Java, where the followers of the local independent ruler, Mangkoenegara, have resisted with arms the attempt to limit his powers, according to an eye witness, who arrived here today.

It was stated that the attempt was made by Dr. Moewardi, leader of the local irregular army known as the "Buffaloes."

Dr. Moewardi, who is also well-known as the leader of the Indonesian Fighting Youth Organisation, had earlier succeeded in forcing another local ruler, Soeschoenon Pakoe Boewono, to surrender all his powers to Dr. Sutan Sjahrir's republican government.

He has now been arrested by the Republican military police, it was reported, for being "more republican than the Republics." Mangkoenegara's followers, although not opposed to the Republic, were unwilling to accept any encroachment on their traditional ruler's powers. When Dr. Moewardi tried to usurp these, it is stated, they dug up arms buried after the Japanese surrender, and clashed with the "Buffaloes."—Reuter.

British Action

Batavia, May 29. British troops have started a large-scale clearing action in Medan, owing to repeated clashes between British patrols and Indonesian extremists.

Yesterday, the British occupied several buildings in the town centre, formerly occupied by Indonesians.—Reuter.

Yokohama, May 29.

Shoichiro Soki, a civilian guard at the Unmeda Dunsho camp, was convicted by an Eighth Army War Crimes Commission on charges of beating and abusing prisoners of war, and was sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment.—Associated Press.

Iran Under Strong Soviet Pressure

Teheran, May 29.

The belief that the Iranian Government "is under strong Russian pressure" and is deliberately playing "a two-handed diplomatic game to prevent everything we own from falling into Soviet hands" was expressed yesterday by a powerful Left Wing statesman whose election to parliament is predicted by all factions.

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German Papers Disturbed

(By Lyford Moore, Reuters Correspondent.)

FRANKFURT, MAY 29. THE RECENT ROUNDUP BY AMERICAN AND BRITISH INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS OF HUNDREDS OF MEMBERS OF AN UNDERGROUND NAZI YOUTH MOVEMENT HAS PRODUCED ONE SALUTARY EFFECT IN ADDITION TO RIDDING THE ZONES OF A REAL MENACE.

GERMANY, FOLLOWING CONTINUED EDITORIAL REACTION TO THE MASS ARRESTS, HAS BEEN SHOCKED TO DISCOVER THAT DESTROYED AND SURRENDERED AS HER CITIES ARE, SUCH A MOVEMENT CAN STILL FLOURISH IN THEM.

Thoughtful Germans see this newest subversive movement in relation to their first-hand knowledge of the origins of Nazism. Among these, the raids will probably do more, by the situation they showed up, than any number of military mandates to keep postwar Germany moving along the lines laid down for her at Potsdam.

Editorials have uniformly reflected alarm on the part of German editors who warn their readers that growth of such an organisation as that which Allied intelligence smashed would completely destroy any hope for the future of Germany as a member of the society of nations.

"The Marburger Presse," for example, considered the formation of the group a "sin against the people" and expressed fears that these irresponsible and criminal groups might push Germany into the abyss.

"If the discovered plans had had only a small degree of success, that would mean the end," it commented. "No power on earth would be ready to help such a perverted people to find itself a second time. If the plan had become reality, Germany's population would have ceased to be a people which would have any right to exist in the world."

DANISH VISIT

London, May 28.

Members of the Danish press delegation, who are on a visit to Great Britain, were entertained by the British Government at luncheon today.

Mr. Hector McNeill, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, presided, and among those present were the Swedish Minister, representatives of the Free Danes Movement, the Foreign Office and the British Council.—Reuter.

AN ABSURD CHARGE

Teheran, May 28.

The report broadcast recently by the Tabriz Radio that British troops were still in Southern Iran was categorically denied by the Foreign Office today.

All British troops, it was stated, were withdrawn from Iran by March 2, 1946, the date by which they were due to be evacuated under the terms of the Tripartite Treaty of Alliance of 1942.

After the British evacuation of Iran negotiations were opened for the use of a radio station for commercial purposes by Cable and Wireless. These negotiations are still proceeding.

Since they are of purely commercial character and could not contravene the provisions of the United Nations Charter, the suggestion made on more than one occasion by Tabriz Radio that British interference in Iran should be brought to the attention of the Security Council are not taken seriously by official quarters in London.—Reuter.

ARAB REQUEST

Jerusalem, May 29.

The Arab Higher Committee tonight sent a memorandum to the High Commissioner of Palestine, General Sir Alan Cunningham, urging the immediate repatriation of all Arab political exiles and the release of all Arab political internees.—Reuter.

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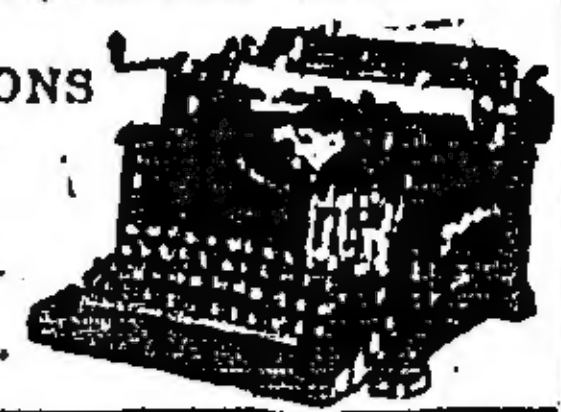
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IRON AND STEEL

London, May 29.
The House of Commons today voted 338 to 181 in favour of the Government motion asking for approval of plans to nationalize the British iron and steel industries. —Associated Press.

Pepper For President?

Washington, May 29.
Big unions are boiling with wrath against President Harry Truman's oblique hints that he might switch his support to either Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace or Senator Clyde Pepper for the Presidency of the United States.

General opinion on Capitol Hill, however, appears to be that it is too early yet to tell whether the administration's handling of the strike emergency has ended the 13-year old Labour-Democratic coalition.

While speculation mounted, three of the nation's most powerful labour organizations kept up heavy drum-fire of criticism against President Truman's strike proposals.

Congress of Industrial Organizations' President Philip Murray said "in a moment of wild hysteria, an attempt is being made to stamper through Congress legislation which has as its sole aim the destruction of the labour movement of this nation."

Earlier in the day, American Federation of Labour's President William Green denounced President Truman's programme as advocating "slave labour under Fascism."

The CIO United Auto Workers also wired to Murray, urging that he take immediate steps for joint action by all organization leaders to defeat the proposals.

The National Farmer's Union assailed the programme as "naked, open Fascism," while the National Citizens' Political Action Committee also condemned it as "totalitarian." —Associated Press.

SAUCKEL'S STORY

Nuernberg, May 29.
Fritz Sauckel today blamed the German Military High Command for the mass recruitment of slave labour from the occupied east during his testimony before the Allied War Crimes Tribunal here. The former Nazi labour boss sought to defend his position in the recruiting campaign by contending that the workers were treated well under his administration.

The defendant acknowledged he was aware of the Buchenwald concentration camp in the political district he managed, but he insisted it was a well-run, orderly and humane place when he inspected it. He said the camp was established by Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler. "I never had anything to do with that camp," —Associated Press.

More Barley, Less Beer

London, May 28.
A resolution asking for still further reduction in the brewing of beer so as to provide barley to meet the food situation came before the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland today.

The annual report of the committee on temperance asks ministers to do more than at present to encourage the provision of soft drinks at weddings, and states that the whole question of the use of alcoholic liquors at weddings call for serious consideration by the Church. —Reuter.

Arrogance Of German P.O.W.s.

Paris, May 29.
The news agency France Press reported that several thousand former French war prisoners and other persons paraded along the Rhine, protesting the arrogance of 80,000 German war prisoners working for the American Army in the area.

The dispatch also said the American commander of the region has assured the local people that the would give them

Britain Has Greatest Asset Of All

London, May 29.

The United States Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Averell Harriman, tonight paid this tribute to Britain: "Britain comes out of this war depleted in physical assets, but rich in human qualities—the greatest asset a nation can possess."

He was speaking at a dinner of the Pilgrims Society in the Savoy Hotel. This society has the object of fostering Anglo-American friendship and has a sister society in New York.

Himmler's No. 2 Captured

Hereford, Germany, May 29.
Lieutenant-General Oswald Pohl, second-in-command of the SS Troops and chief administrator of all Nazi concentration camps, has been arrested here by British special agents after a year-long search.

British authorities said that Pohl, who served as Himmler's chief-of-staff, was found working as a farm labourer under an assumed name.

It is expected he will be tried for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of concentration camp victims. —Associated Press.

FRANCO SPAIN

New York, May 28.
Brazil told the United Nations sub-committee investigating the Franco regime that according to information from its Madrid Embassy no diplomatic mission in Spain has any evidence of the presence of war criminals in that country.

The note said that, according to the same source, that the Spanish army had only 450,000 men of which about 150,000 are stationed along the French Pyrenees frontier including Catalonia. —Associated Press.

SPORTS SECTION

India Beats M.C.C. By Innings, 194 Runs

London, May 29.

India beat the M.C.C. by an innings and 194 runs in the closing hours of the last day of their match at Lords. India, who had the Englishmen on the run at the end of yesterday's play with three wickets down for 60 runs in their follow-on innings and still 239 runs behind clinched the game in little over an hour's play when it was resumed late at 4.15 in the afternoon, owing to more rain. Mankad took seven M.C.C. wickets for 37.

Felt was rolled over the wicket during the day to help it dry out for the conclusion of the conclusion of the game but steaming off under hot, brilliant sunshine which followed the downpour, it quickly proved as awkward for the batsmen as the day before.

Yardley (five not out) and Edrich (four not out) resumed for the M.C.C. against Armanath and Mankad.

With only 11 runs added to the slim total, Yardley was out, caught off the bowling of Armanath for nine. Four wickets for 71.

Two runs later Edrich rejoined Yardley in the pavilion. He was caught off Mankad for 12. Five for 73.

With both Edrich and Yardley gone so quickly, the M.C.C. now had little hope of saving the game.

Bartlett and Valentine took the score to 91 when Bartlett was caught off Armanath for eight.

Four runs later the seventh wicket went when Mankad clean bowled Valentine for 15 with the total now 95.

Mankad promptly bowled the next man, Marsham, without further score. Eight for 95. Mallett went at 99, stumped from Mankad's bowling for another duck and the last wicket fell at 105 when Davies was caught off Armanath for eight.

Scores:
India—488.
M.C.C.—139 and 105. —Reuter.

County Cricket

London, May 28.
Rain prevented play in several county cricket games in different parts of the country today.

Matches between Glamorgan

Derbyshire and Kent, Nottinghamshire and Somerset, Oxford University and Free Foresters were all abandoned owing to rain.

At Bristol: Warwickshire 287 drew with Gloucestershire 274 for four (Hammond 59 not out). —Reuter.

Another Match

Osterley, May 29.
The one-day match here between the Indian tourists and an Indian Gymkhana team, did not start until noon, owing to rain the previous night and this morning.

Merchant, the Indian captain, put Gymkhana in to bat and Rajji was the first victim, when he was off for 14. The total at 23. Eyle was caught by Nimbalkar off Mankad for 12. Just before lunch, Deodhar was bowled by Nayudu for 8 and the score was 51 runs for three when lunch was taken. —Reuter.

"CRAMPED"

New York, May 29.
Lennart Strand, Sweden's 1,500 metre running champion, arrived here by air on Tuesday, saying the first thing he wanted to do was exercise his cramped legs in a workout in the Central Park Strand, who will compete in several miles races in the United States, said, "I will do the best I can but I do not think I can make any exceptional time."

He said he had little time to train in Sweden, where there is no indoor track season. Strand will fly to the Pacific Coast on Wednesday to train for the Compton Junior College relay at Compton, California on June 7. —Associated Press.

Washington, May 29.
Walter Johnson, famous old-time Washington American League Baseball pitcher, is critically ill in the Georgetown Hospital of a brain tumor. He underwent a light

G-MEN

Heidelberg, May 29.
Surrounding their quarry in G-men style, U.S. army troops killed a fugitive American soldier, wounded another and captured two more after a gun battle in a Bavarian village, Third Army Headquarters announced last night.

The four men were absentees, armed with sub-machine guns and driving a stolen jeep. They fled to a hotel in Thalkirchen. —Associated Press.

DEATH RAYS

New York, May 29.

A report given by the chairman of the federation of atomic scientists, Mr. W. A. Higginbottom, today detailed the effects of one small drop of atomic poison gas in liquid form as follows:

It could endanger every person in a great industrial plant. A combustion of this so called gas could kill every person within a one-kilometre radius, not by chemical reaction but by radio-active rays from atomic fission products.

There are no important secrets about atomic poison gas.

The use of the death ray was predicted in a report to President Roosevelt by Dr. Leo Szilard whose death rays were neutrons.

These particles can not only kill a person but transmute chemicals of the human body into temporarily radio-active atoms that may cause death. The gas is emitted by great structures called piles which are used in the atomic process. Transporting a pile to enemy territory would be like moving an Egyptian pyramid. —Associated Press.

prosperity by isolationism. We cannot have prosperity unless there is expanding economy the world over. —Reuter.

U.S. Baseball

New York, May 29.

Dick Sisler homered with the bases loaded, highlighting the St. Louis Cardinals' eight-run fifth inning to defeat the Chicago Cubs 12 to 2 in the National League.

Score:
St. Louis 12 14 0
Chicago 2 5 3
The Boston-Philadelphia game was postponed because of rain. The other two scheduled games are night affairs.

In the American League the Philadelphia-Boston game also was postponed due to rain while there were three night games to be played. —Associated Press.

NEW KIND OF TOTE

London, May 29.

A tote which pays out in national savings certificates has been established for the benefit of soldier punters at an army race-course in the British zone of Austria, says the British Control Commission for Germany.

Hitherto, soldiers have had difficulty in converting large sums of money won at army race meetings because they had been unable to certify that they had been obtained from the tote.

Now, if they wish, they may ask for the winnings in savings certificates or cards stamped with the appropriate amount.

The scheme is a boon to the men who find themselves with large amounts they can neither spend in Austria nor bring home when they come on leave. —Reuter.

DAVIS CUP

Prague, May 29.

Jaroslav Drobny and Josef Cizek, the Czechoslovakian Davis Cup players, defeated Yugoslavians Dobry and Drago Mile and Yozip Palada, 10-4, 6-2, 6-4. Yugoslavians held a two-to-one edge in the games. —Associated Press.

The charity tennis exhibition match between the United States and Hong Kong has now been arranged to take place on the H.K.O.O. ground on Friday and Saturday.

The American Navy will put

National Referendum In Poland

WARSAW, MAY 29.

ELEVEN MILLION POLES ARE EXPECTED TO VOTE IN THE NATIONAL REFERENDUM ON JUNE 30.

THE PRINCIPAL ISSUES ARE THESE:

1. Whether Poland shall have a one or a two house parliament, members of which will be elected later.
2. Whether Poles approve of the nationalisation of industries and the land reforms which broke up the big estates and parcelled them out to the peasants.
3. Whether they approve of the establishment of Poland's western frontiers along the Baltic, the Oder and Neisse rivers.

The Polish Warsaw regime, whose most powerful posts are in the hands of the Communist-backed Polish Workers' Party, and its close ally, the Polish Socialist Party, is proceeding meanwhile with the dissolution of Vice-Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk's Polish Peasant Party.

These two parties claim that Mikolajczyk's organisation is, in many sectors, too heavy with "anti-democratic and pro-Fascist elements." Mikolajczyk and his party chieftains have protested that secret police raids against their district headquarters are a violation of the Moscow agreement setting up the provisional regime and granting equal rights to the six political parties. The Polish Peasant Party has disclaimed any links with terroristic bands such as the NSZ (national armed forces).

Continuance of the secret police campaign brings Poland closer to civil war, officials of the Polish Peasant Party have warned. They were joined in that view recently by Karol Popiel, President of the Labour Party, which generally has stood by the Mikolajczyk organisation on most controversial issues.

Against Mikolajczyk and his friends are arrayed the Socialist, the Democratic Party and an independent organisation known simply as the Peasant Party, which has no connection with Mikolajczyk's Party.

All of the four latter parties favour a single election bloc for the general elections, under which the representation of political parties in the new, permanent Parliament would be agreed upon in advance. —Associated Press.

Gouged Out Eyes Of Live G.I.s.

Dachau, May 29.

Nazi S.S. men gouged out the eyes of living American soldiers as they lay wounded on the Malmédy field of massacre during the Battle of the Bulge, an American army report revealed today.

The Inspector-General's report was read at the trial of 74 Nazi elite guards accused of slaying unarmed American war prisoners. The report said that in at least three cases the eyes of wounded Americans had been whipped from their faces with sharp instruments. The atrocity was discovered after American forces thawed out the frozen bodies of the 71 defenceless Americans killed a month before. —Associated Press.

MORE HOUSES IN BRITAIN

London, May 29.

Total houses of all types either built, building or projected for Great Britain as a whole is 214,100 as compared with 178,145 at the end of March. This total does not include temporary houses completed, or the balance of the 120,000 temporary houses projected. During the period 31st March, 1945 to 30th April, 1946, accommodation has been provided in Great Britain by the construction of new houses and by repair of damaged unoccupied houses and conversion of existing houses for a total of 155,916 families.

This is an increase of 14,690 as compared with the end of March this year. —Reuter.

PALESTINE

Jerusalem, May 29.

The president of the Jewish Agency, E. Kaplan, today said he will leave for America, via Paris, very soon to negotiate loans to carry out the first year's absorption of 100,000 Jews recommended by the Anglo-American commission.

He estimated the cost at \$5,000,000 sterling. In Paris he will work to collect repatriation grants from funds of former enemy countries for the benefit of the displaced persons who are being

St. Dunstons To Be Independent

London, May 29.

Sir Ian Fraser, blind Member of Parliament, told blind ex-servicemen of St. Dunstan's that the home will not become a state institution under the Government's health scheme. He was re-opening St. Dunstan's home at Ovingdean, Brighton, after its wartime evacuation.

"I have been assured that St. Dunstan's is not going to be nationalised," he said. "It is going to remain its old independent self."

Sir Ian said that many ex-prisoners who had returned from the Far East blind or partly blind through diet deficiency would regain their sight. —Reuter

RADIO

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1946.
STUDIO—HAL LORENZO AT THE PIANO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 640 Kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., 8.00 to 8.15 p.m., and 8.15 to 11.00 p.m., also on 9.52 Megacycles.

H.K.T.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—A Programme of Swing Music.

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Forecast & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—The Merry Macs: Flotam & Jeanam & Alec Tamplin.

1.30 p.m.—Compositions of Lehar.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.30 p.m.—Film Successes.

7.00 p.m.—Picked at Random.

7.30 p.m.—Studio-Hat, Lorenzo at the Piano.

7.50 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

8.10 p.m.—Dance to Artie Shaw's Orchestra.

8.45 p.m.—"Four Pre-ENSA.

9.00 p.m.—The Bobbins with Misha Elman (Violin).

9.25 p.m.—Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards with Peter Dawson (Baritone).

9.50 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

10.05 p.m.—Musical Continental Tour.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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THURSDAY, MAY 30th—0600

Music On The Air: 0630 The News and Home News (BBC); 0645

Morning Star: 0700 Mail Call; 0730 Dance Music (BBC); 0800

The News, and "From Today's Papers" (BBC); 0810 Programme Announcements; 0815 Globe Trot; 0845 (BBC); 0930 The News, and Home News (BBC); 0940 Programme Announcements; 0945

Tete a Tete; 1000 In Concert Style; 1030 Over To You; 1100

News Headlines; 1101 What's It To You; 1130 Chappells Queens Hall Light Orchestra; 1200

News Headlines; 1201 News For The Asking; 1300 Hollywood Parade; 1330 The News (BBC); 1340 Bandstand; 1400 Phil Green and his concert Orchestra; 1430

Music From The Opera; 1500 Comedy Caravan; 1530 Light Orchestral Concert; 1600

Programme for West African Forces; 1630 The News (BBC); 1645 Keyboard Club; 1715 India and Ceylon Half Hour; 1745 Gen Session; 1800 Radio SEAC World and Home News; 1805 Heard Melodies

Are Sweet; 1845 At Ease; 1900 Film and Theatre Music; 1930

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Forces Proms; 2130 The News, and "From Today's Papers" (BBC); 2145 Remembrance; 2230 Close Down.

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